

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
CHARLOTTESVILLE DIVISION**

**CRIMINAL MINUTES - GUILTY PLEA HEARING**

Case No.: 3:18CR00011-001

Date: 3/27/2019

**Defendant: James Alex Fields, Jr. - custody**

**Counsel: Lisa Lorish, Fred Heblich, FPD**

PRESENT:	JUDGE:	Michael F. Urbanski, CUSDJ	TIME IN COURT: 2:59-3:54	55 minutes
	Deputy Clerk:	Kristin Ayersman		
	Court Reporter:	Sonia Ferris		
	U. S. Attorney:	Chis Kavanaugh, Risa Berkower, Thomas Cullen		
	USPO:	Larry Breckenridge, Brittany Warren		
	Case Agent:	Phil Aulhusen, Wade Douthit		
	Interpreter:	none		

**PROCEEDINGS:**

- ☐ Waiver of Indictment filed.
- ☐ Information filed.
- ☒ Plea Agreement filed with court; SOF filed with the court.
- ☐ Defendant advised of right to have U. S. District Judge accept plea. Defendant waives this right, and executes Consent to Allow U. S. Magistrate Judge to accept plea
- ☐ Defendant re-arraigned as to Counts Enter counts to which pleading guilty
- ☒ Defendant placed under oath. Court questions defendant regarding his/her physical and mental condition, and advises defendant of his/her rights, and the nature and possible consequences of plea.
- ☒ Court accepts plea of guilty.
- ☒ Guilty plea form executed and filed.
- ☒ Government summarizes evidence to support plea and rests.
- ☒ Court finds defendant guilty as charged in Counts One through Twenty-Nine, inclusive.
- OR
- ☐ U. S. Magistrate Judge accepts plea of guilty to Counts enter counts to which defendant pled guilty and will recommend that the U. S. District Judge find the defendant guilty of said counts.

**DEFENDANT PLEADS:**

**(list counts)**

DEF. #	GUILTY	NOT GUILTY	NOLO	REMARKS
1	1-29, inclusive			
2				
3				
4				

- ☒ Court orders Presentence Report.
- ☐ Copy of Presentence Report not requested.
- ☐ Defendant to remain on bond.
- ☒ Defendant remanded to custody.
- ☒ Sentencing hearing scheduled for 7/3/19 @ 9am before Chief Judge Michael F. Urbanski in Charlottesville Division.

Additional Information:

Court asks the US to address the death penalty. Thomas Cullen, US Atty - advises that the AG has directed that the US not seek the death penalty in this case against the defendant conditioned upon the dft entering a GP in this case and has a letter dated 3/22/19 to that effect, which will be submitted to the court. Court directs clerk to enter this on the record as either an exhibit to this hearing or as a separate docket entry.